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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO
FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. MINISTER

I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR RECENT APPOINTMENT
AND TO WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS. I LOOK FORWARD TO
MEETING YOU IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. I AM WRITING TO
YOU ABOUT THE DEBATE IN THE 30TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE
KOREAN ITEM WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE ON THE AGENDA
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THIS YEAR AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED. I KNOW

THAT AMBASSADOR HILL HAS DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT WITH YOU BUT I WANT YOU TO HAVE MY OWN THOUGHTS ON IT.

THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF THE DEBATE WILL BE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE PENINSULA. I RECOGNIZE THAT MANY UN MEMBERS BELIEVE - AND THE UNITED STATES AGREES - THAT IT IS TIME TO TERMINATE THE UN COMMAND.

HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE THE COMMAND WHICH FAILS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING VALIDITY OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN OF SUCH IMPORTANCE IN KEEPING THE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONTINUED STABILITY IN THE AREA AND THE INTEREST OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY IN THIS STABILITY MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKE RESPONSIBLE ACTION IN THIS DEBATE.

THE RESOLUTION WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS JOINED IN COSPONSORING IS DESIGNED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PREVIOUS UN DECISIONS ON THE KOREAN ISSUE AND TO THE NEEDS FOR MAINTAINING PEACE ON THE PENINSULA. IT PROVIDES FOR TERMINATION OF THE UN COMMAND. IT DOES THIS WITHOUT UPSETTING THE PRINCIPAL MECHANISM FOR MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN KOREA, THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 1953, BECAUSE IT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE UN COMMAND, AS SIGNATORY TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, CAN BE REPLACED ONLY WHEN A SUBSTITUTE MECHANISM FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE IS AGREED BY ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED. THE RESOLUTION RESPONDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ENDORSEMENT IN THE CONSENSUS RESOLUTION OF 1973, REAFFIRMED LAST YEAR, OF TALKS BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA BY CALLING FOR A CONFERENCE BETWEEN ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED WITH THE ARMISTICE WHICH INCLUDES SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA, THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. IT FORESEES A CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD FIRST PROVIDE NEW MECHANISMS FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE BUT WHICH COULD THEN GO ON TO CONSIDER MORE LASTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR REDUCING TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA.

THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF NORTH KOREA
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DOES NOT RESPOND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS BECAUSE IT CALLS FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE "REAL PARTIES" WHICH NORTH KOREA IDENTIFIES AS THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA, EXCLUDING SOUTH KOREA WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL PARTY TO ANY SUCH AGREEMENT. IT CALLS FOR REMOVING THE UN COMMAND WITHOUT ANY PROVISION FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE MECHANISM WHILE DISCUSSIONS OF A "PEACE AGREEMENT" PROCEED. THE RESOLUTION CALLS

FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS "UNDER THE UN FLAG" WHICH NORTH KOREA MAKES CLEAR ARE US TROOPS IN KOREA. THESE TROOPS ARE IN KOREA UNDER A US-ROK BILATERAL AGREEMENT AT THE INVITATION OF THE ROK. NORTH KOREA, I NOTE, MAINTAINS TREATIES OF MUTUAL DEFENSE WITH BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PRC.

-SOLUTION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO
THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO

INSTABILITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, IS BLATANTLY ONE-SIDED IN IGNORING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND INTERFERES IN AN IMPORTANT US SECURITY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE ROK. I CONSIDER THEREFORE THAT THE ONLY WAY TO ENCOURAGE THE OTHER SIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE ON KOREA IS TO ASSURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR RIGID UNCOM-PROMISING POSITION IS NOT ENDORSED BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BECAUSE OF THESE SERIOUS CONSIDERATIONS AND THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, I HOPE YOU WILL INSTRUCT YOUR DELEGATION IN NEW YORK TO VOTE AGAINST THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION, FOR OUR RESOLUTION AND TO SUPPORT US ON THE PRIORITY QUESTION.

IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS FURTHER,
AMBASSADOR HILL WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH YOU.

-- WARM REGARDS,

-- HENRY A. KISSINGER

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